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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE EC COMMISSION AND
THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

1. ON OCTOBER 15, DR JAMES B. GREGORY, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA) MET WITH PIERRE SCHLOESSER, THE EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF EC STANDARDS, AND DANIEL VERDIANI, THE CHIEF OF THE DIVISION ON AUTOMOBILE STANDARDS, TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE WORK OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELD OF AUTO SAFETY. THEY FELT THAT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE IF THERE WERE CLOSER CONTACTS BETWEEN NHTSA AND THE EC COMMISSION. THEY AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF EACH WOULD COMMENT FRANKLY ON THE OTHERS PROPOSED AUTOMOBILE SAFETY STANDARDS AND AGREED THAT SUCH COMMENTS WOULD BE STUDIED CLOSELY WITH THE VIEW TO THEIR POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FINAL STANDARDS. IT WAS DECIDED THAT USEC WOULD BE THE MOST CONVENIENT CHANNEL FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPOSALS (DRAFT EC COUNCIL DIRECTIVES AND NHTSA PROPOSED RULE MAKING) AND COMMENTS.

2. SCHLOESSER STATED THAT THE BEST TIME FOR OUTSIDE COMMENT ON A DRAFT DIRECTIVE IS WHEN IT IS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE
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HE INSISTED THAT IF SUCH COMMENTS HAVE MERIT, THE COMMISSION
COULD REVISE ITS PROPOSED DRAFT DIRECTIVES SO AS TO TAKE THE
COMMENTS INTO ACCOUNT.
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